The Listing of Claims set forth below shall replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently amended) A pharmacological agent useful for ~~use as~~ preemptive analgesia, comprising~~, a solution comprising~~ a mixture of a 1% lidocaine ~~HCl~~ HCl solution and a 0.25% bupivacaine ~~HCl~~ HCl solution in a ratio less than or equal to 10:1 (volume:volume).

2. (Original) The agent of claim 1, wherein said ratio is less than or equal to 5:1.

3. (Original) The agent of claim 1, wherein said ratio is less than or equal to 2:1.

4. (Original) The agent of claim 1, wherein said ratio is less than or equal to 1:1.

5. (Original) The agent of claim 1, wherein said solution further comprises one or more buffers selected from a group consisting of sodium hydroxide and hydrochloric acid.

6. (Original) The agent of claim 1, wherein said solution is an injectable therapy for one or more applications selected from a group consisting of subcutaneous, caudal, epidural, intramuscular, intradural, intraspinous and peripheral nerve blockade.

7. (Currently amended) The agent of claim 1~~, wherein said solution~~ further comprising ~~comprises~~ epinephrine bitartrate 1:200,000.

8. (Original) The agent of claim 1, wherein said solution is capable of providing analgesic effect for at least six hours.

9. (Currently amended) A method of reducing perioperative pain, comprising the steps of,

providing a sterile, isotonic pharmacologic agent comprising a mixture of a 1% lidocaine HCl solution and a 0.25% bupivacaine HCl solution in a ratio less than or equal to 10:1 (volume:volume) ~~lidocaine and bupivacaine in a ratio less than or equal to 10:1~~; and

administering said agent as an adjunct for preemptive analgesia before a surgical procedure is initiated.

10. (Original) The method of claim 9, wherein said agent is introduced as one or more injectable therapies selected from a group consisting of subcutaneous, caudal, epidural, intramuscular, intradural, intraspinous or peripheral nerve blockade.

11. (Currently amended) The method of claim 9, wherein said agent comprises 1% lidocaine ~~HCL~~ HCl solution and 0.25% bupivacaine ~~HCL~~ HCl solution in a ratio sufficient to provide at least six hours of analgesic effect.

12. (Original) The method of claim 10, wherein said agent further comprises one or more vasoconstrictors.

13. (Original) The method of claim 10, wherein said agent further comprises one or more buffering compounds.

14. (Original) The method of claim 13, wherein one or more of said buffering compounds comprises sodium hydroxide.

15. Cancelled.

16. (Currently amended) An injectable preemptive analgesic agent, comprising, 1% lidocaine ~~HCL~~ HCl solution and 0.25% bupivacaine HCl solution in an effective ratio less than or equal to 10:1(volume:volume) capable of providing at least six hours of analgesic therapy, one or more pH buffers, and one or more vasoconstrictors.

17. (Currently amended) A method for administering local or regional anesthesia comprising the steps of,

providing an anesthetic comprising a premixed combination of a 1% lidocaine HCl solution and 0.25% bupivacaine HCl solution in a ratio less than or equal to 10:1 (volume:volume) ~~combination of lidocaine; bupivacaine;~~ and one or more buffers selected from a group consisting of sodium hydroxide and hydrochloric acid; and

injecting said anesthetic in an amount sufficient to achieve nerve blockage.

18. Cancelled.

19. Cancelled.

20. (Currently amended) The method of claim 17, wherein ~~said combination comprises a mixture of lidocaine and bupivacaine in a~~ the ratio [of] is less than 1:1.

21. (Original) The method of claim 17, wherein said combination comprises epinephrine bitartrate 1:200,000.

22. (Original) The method of claim 17, wherein said anesthetic is capable of providing analgesic effect for at least six hours.

23. (Original) The method of claim 17, wherein said anesthetic is an injectable therapy for one or more applications selected from a group consisting of subcutaneous, caudal, epidural, intramuscular, intradural, intraspinous, and a peripheral nerve block.

24. (Original) The method of claim 17, wherein said combination comprises one or more vasoconstrictors.

25. (Original) The method of claim 17, wherein said combination has a pH of about 7.4.

26 – 34. Cancelled.